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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1731"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

MASANORI FUKUI, ET AL.

: EXAMINER: HOFFMANN, J.

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FOR: SYNTHETIC QUARTZ POWDER,  
ITS PRODUCTION PROCESS, AND  
SYNTHETIC QUARTZ CRUCIBLE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 1, 2004, please amend the application identified above as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 this paper.